(b) The roads in Delhi are generally in reasonable good condition. Besides, strengthening and repairing of roads is carried out on regular basis within the existing budgetary constraints.

(c) Delhi Police regularly identifies stretches of roads in bad shape and takes up the matter with the civic agencies concerned for repairing such road stretches.

Paramilitary forces deployed for Manipur Assembly Elections

3249. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:
SHRI SURESH KALMADI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of paramilitary forces deployed in Manipur for the conduct of Assembly elections;

(b) whether the provided number met the number of such forces demanded by the State's administration; and

(c) if adequate number of paramilitary forces were not provided, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) to (c) The Central Paramilitary Forces are made available to assist the State Governments to make arrangements for peaceful, free and fair conduct of polls. The levels of deployment of these forces depend upon the overall security scenario and the availability of these forces and is decided in consultation with the Election Commission of India. Accordingly Central Paramilitary Forces were made available to Government of Manipur for Assembly Elections. It is not in public interest to indicate the details of these forces and their levels of deployment in Manipur for the purpose.

Proposal to ban Hindu Fundamentalist organisations

†3250. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to ban Hindu fundamentalist organisations which are posting danger to the sovereignty of the country;

(b) if so, by when alongwith the details thereof;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(c) whether Government will take action against the people who are responsible for causing death to many persons in riots in various parts of the country, particularly in Ayodhya and Gujarat and the situation arising as result thereof; and

(d) if so, the details of the action taken against them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) and (b) The Government receives requests/suggestions from time to time from State Governments and other quarters to ban organizations which, in their perception, are indulging in activities which are prejudicial to the security of the country and have the potential of disturbing peace and communal harmony and disrupting the secular fabric of the society. Such requests/suggestions are carefully examined with reference to the available evidence before any view is taken in the matter.

(c) and (d) The subjects "Public Order" and "Police" figure in List II-State List of the Seventh Schedule of the Constitution of India. Hence, it is the primary responsibility of the State Governments to maintain public order and peace, including registration, investigation of crime and compiling of data relating to communal incidents. The Government of India shares intelligence and sends advisories/alert messages to the States/UTs from time to time and also makes available Central Para-military Forces to them on specific request. A special force called the Rapid Action Force is deployed to deal exclusively with the communal tensions. Assistance is also provided to State Governments for modernization of their policing infrastructure. The activities of all organizations having a bearing on maintenance of communal harmony in the country are under constant watch of law enforcement agencies and requisite legal action is taken, where necessary.

Steps taken to deal with the threat of terrorist organisation

3251. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news captioned 'Wake up call from Lashkar Boss' which was published in the Indian Express on 31st March, 2002;

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto; and

(c) the details of steps being taken to deal with such threats and to check their evil motives?